

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
BEAUMONT DIVISION

DARYOUSH PAPARI	§	
VS.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:14-CV-565
STATE OF TEXAS	§	

**MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER**

Plaintiff Daryoush Papari, a prisoner confined at the Smith Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Correctional Institutions Division, proceeding *pro se*, filed this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff contends his constitutional rights were violated at the Smith Unit.

Discussion

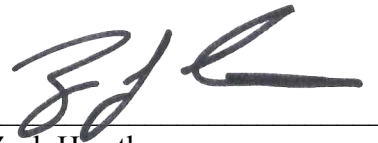
The Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1981, *et seq.*, under which this case is brought, does not contain a specific venue provision. Accordingly, venue in civil rights cases is controlled by 28 U.S.C. § 1391. *Jones v. Bailey*, 58 F.R.D. 453 (N.D. Ga. 1972); *aff'd per curiam*, 480 F.2d 805 (5th Cir. 1973).

When, as in this case, jurisdiction is not founded solely on diversity of citizenship, § 1391 provides that venue is proper only in the judicial district where the defendants reside or in which the claim arose. However, under 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a), for the convenience of parties and witnesses and in the interest of justice, a district court may transfer any civil action to any other district where it could have been brought. Such a transfer may be done *sua sponte* and is reviewable only for an abuse of discretion. *Mills v. Beech Aircraft Corp.*, 886 F.2d 758, 761 (5th Cir. 1989).

The Smith Unit is located in the Lubbock Division of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. The court has considered the circumstances and has determined that the interests of justice would be served if the complaint were transferred to the district in which the claims arose. Therefore, the case should be transferred to the Northern District of Texas. It is accordingly

**ORDERED** that this civil rights action is **TRANSFERRED** to the Lubbock Division of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

SIGNED this 24th day of November, 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zack Hawthorn', written over a horizontal line.

Zack Hawthorn  
United States Magistrate Judge